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## CITY OF WHITE PLAINS ESTABLISHES "DO NOT KNOCK" REGISTRY

Allows Residents to Avoid Solicitors

The City of White Plains has established a "Do Not Knock" Registry for City of White Plains residents only who do not wish solicitors, peddlers or hawkers to come to their homes for the purpose of selling. This includes anyone who would come a door for the purpose of "...requesting, either directly or indirectly, money, credit, funds, contributions, personal property or anything of value; taking or offering to take orders for goods, wares and merchandise, except milk or newspapers, or for services to be performed in the future, or for selling, making, manufacturing or repairing any articles or thing whatsoever for future delivery."

The Do Not Knock Registry legislation was passed by the Common Council in December of last year. The City Clerk's office was charged with implementing it. A listing of those registered will be provided to any peddlers or solicitors every quarter.

Any resident who wishes to be placed on the Do Not Knock Registry must fill out a registration form, which can be accessed via the city website, <a href="www.cityofwhiteplains.com">www.cityofwhiteplains.com</a>. The completed form and one-time fee of \$2.50 (unless sticker is damaged or lost) can be mailed to the City Clerk or submitted in person at the Clerk's office. The resident will then be provided with a City of White Plains No Solicitation sticker, which is designed to be placed on a window or door near the entrance to the resident's home or apartment.

Mayor Roach said, "We have all had the experience of trying to manage solicitors who come to our homes. This Registry is a quick and easy way for residents to ensure they do not receive unwanted knocks on their door. The sticker provides a clear but polite message to potential solicitors to go elsewhere."

*Please note:* The Registry does not prohibit the distribution of leaflets, pamphlets or other literature, including commercial, political or religious material distributed in a lawful manner.